

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

Contact: Public Information Director

City of Gaithersburg 301-258-6310

cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov

For Immediate Release

Gaithersburg Ranked 2019's Most Ethnically Diverse Small City by WalletHub It Ranks 2nd Most Diverse City in the U.S. Overall

Gaithersburg, MD (February 13, 2019) WalletHub, an online financial resource and services website for individuals and businesses, recently compared more than 500 of the largest cities in the U.S. and ranked them based on a variety of diversity metrics, including ethnicity and race, language and birthplace. Gaithersburg ranked as the 2nd Most Culturally Diverse City amongst all 501 communities, and was #1 in the Small City Category for communities with populations under 100,000. This is the third time Gaithersburg has been at the top of this list in past four years.

"It is a blessing that so many cultures call Gaithersburg home, and we're once again proud for being at or near the top of ALL cities in the country for ethnic diversity. That's pretty amazing for a relatively small city like Gaithersburg," said Mayor Jud Ashman. "Serving this community is a real honor for our staff, our Council Members, and for me. While we embrace and celebrate people of all backgrounds all year long, this ranking is particularly timely as our Multicultural Affairs Committee hosts a DiverseCity Showcase each spring, allowing us to highlight some of the many cultures that enrich our lives each and every day."

Four of the top ten most diverse cities in the country are in Maryland, including Gaithersburg, Germantown, Silver Spring, and Rockville. To learn more about the study and how other communities ranked, visit https://wallethub.com/edu/cities-with-the-most-and-least-ethno-racial-and-linguistic-diversity/10264/#city-size.

For more on <u>demographics</u> in Gaithersburg explore the "About Us" tab on the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

###